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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

KHALID O. RAHMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

PIERCE COUNTY, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. C06-5262 RBL/KLS

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR RULE 26(f) HEARING

This civil rights action has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local MJR 3 and 4. Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion for a Rule 26(f) hearing. Pursuant to Rule 26(f), parties must confer to develop a discovery plan *except* for those parties exempted from initial disclosures under Rule 26(a)(1)(E). Pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1)(E)(iii), an action brought without counsel by a person in custody is one such category exempted from disclosure and thus, exempted from Rule 26(f)'s obligation of a discovery conference.

Now that some of the Defendants have filed their Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint in this case, the Court finds that issuance of a pretrial scheduling order is appropriate. The order will address the conduct of discovery and the filing of dispositive motions and joint status report.

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Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for a Rule 26(f) hearing (Dkt. # 10) shall be **DENIED**. A pretrial schedule order shall issue separately. DATED this <u>5th</u> day of April, 2007. United States Magistrate Judge

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